



Application No. 09/942,516

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: John E. Auer
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**Preliminary Amendment Submitted
with a Request for Continued Examination**

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Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and responds to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending November 8, 2006 was set. The following comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing and Request for Continued Examination this response is timely.

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